

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) An audio/video apparatus having first and second modes of operation and capable of receiving a broadcast audio signal, the apparatus comprising:

first (AUX1) and second (AUX2) audio inputs for receiving first and second audio signals;

a switch arrangement for selecting one of the first audio signal, the second audio signal, and the a broadcast audio signal; and

an audio output for outputting the selected audio signal, wherein in the first mode of operation where power necessary to operate the audio/video apparatus is applied to the audio/video apparatus and the audio/video apparatus is turned on, the switch arrangement selects one of the first audio signal, the second audio signal, and the broadcast audio signal in response to a user command, and in the second mode of operation where the power is not applied to the audio/video apparatus causing the audio/video apparatus inoperable, the switch arrangement defaults to a predetermined position to select one of the first and second audio signals; and

wherein the switch arrangement comprises an electronic switch for selecting one of the first input audio signal, the second audio signal, and the broadcast audio signal, and a second switch having a first input terminal coupled to an output of the electronic switch, a second input terminal coupled to one of the first (AUX1) and second (AUX2) audio inputs, and an output terminal coupled to the audio output, wherein when the audio/video apparatus is in the first mode, the output terminal of the second switch is coupled to the first input terminal of the second switch, and when the audio/video apparatus is in the second mode, the output terminal of the second switch is coupled to the second input terminal of the second switch.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (previously presented) The audio/video apparatus of claim 1, wherein the switch arrangement is irresponsive to user commands when the apparatus is in the second mode.

6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) The audio/video apparatus of claim 1, wherein the switch arrangement comprises transistors.

8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) The audio/video apparatus of claim 1 8, wherein the second switch is a solenoid switch, and in the second mode, the solenoid switch connects the output terminal to the second input terminal of the second switch.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (currently amended) The audio/video apparatus of claim 1 8, wherein the second switch includes a third input terminal coupled to a different one of the first (AUX1) and second (AUX2) audio inputs, and when the audio/video apparatus is in the second mode, the output terminal of the second switch is coupled to a predefined one of the second and third terminals.

12. (previously presented) The audio/video apparatus of claim 11, wherein the second switch includes first, second, and third solid state switches controlled by a controller, each switch having an input terminal and an output terminal, the output terminals of the first, second, and third electronic switches are joined to form the output terminal of the second switch, the input terminal of the first solid state switch is the second terminal of the second switch, the input terminal of the second solid state switch is the third terminal of the second switch, and the input terminal of the third solid state switch is the first input terminal of the second switch.

13. (currently amended) The audio/video apparatus of claim 12, wherein the controller turns on the third solid state switch when the audio/video apparatus is turned on, and turns on one of the first and second solid state switches when the audio/video apparatus is turned off in the second mode according to information stored in a memory.

14. (previously presented) The audio/video apparatus of claim 1, wherein the audio output is coupled to an audio amplifier.

15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) A television apparatus having first and second modes of operation, the television apparatus comprising:

first audio input (AUX1) for receiving a first audio signal;
an audio output;

a main power source for supplying main power and a standby power source for supplying standby power, the main power and the standby power being derived from external power being applied to the television apparatus;

a first switch for selecting one of the first audio signal and a broadcast audio signal and having an output terminal for outputting the selected audio signal; and

a second switch having a first input terminal coupled to the output terminal of the first switch, a second input terminal coupled to the first audio input (AUX1), and an output terminal coupled to the audio output, an audio output for outputting the selected audio signal, wherein

in the first mode of operation where the external power is applied to the television apparatus, the first switch selects one of the first audio signal and the broadcast audio signal in response to a user command and the second switch is operated to couple the output terminal of the second switch to the first input terminal of the second switch, and in the second mode of operation where the external power is not applied to the television apparatus causing the television apparatus inoperable, the first second switch defaults to couple the second input terminal of the second switch to the output

terminal of the second switch a predetermined position to select the first audio signals; and

wherein when the television apparatus is turned off, the output terminal of the second switch is coupled to the second input terminal of the second switch.

17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) The television apparatus of claim 16 17, wherein the second switch is not controlled by a controller in the television apparatus.

19. The television apparatus of claim 16 17, wherein the first switch is inoperative when the main power is not available but the second switch is operative when one of the main and standby powers is available.

20. (currently amended) An audio/video system having first and second modes of operation, the system comprising:

a television apparatus having a first audio input (AUX1) for receiving first audio signal; a switch arrangement for selecting one of the first audio signal and a broadcast audio signal; and an audio output for outputting the selected audio signal; and

an audio amplifier coupled to the audio output of the television apparatus, wherein

in the first mode of operation where power necessary to operate the television apparatus is applied to the television apparatus, the switch arrangement selects one of the first audio signal and the broadcast audio signal in response to a user command, and in the second mode of operation where the power is not applied to the television apparatus causing the television apparatus inoperable, the switch arrangement defaults to select the first audio signal; and

. wherein the switch arrangement comprises an electronic switch for selecting one of the first input audio signal and the broadcast audio signal, and a second switch having a first input terminal coupled to an output of the

first switch, a second terminal coupled to the first audio input (AUX1), and an output terminal coupled to the audio output, wherein when the television apparatus is turned on the output terminal of the second switch is coupled to the first terminal, and when the television apparatus is turned off, the output terminal of the second switch is coupled to the second terminal.

21. (cancelled)